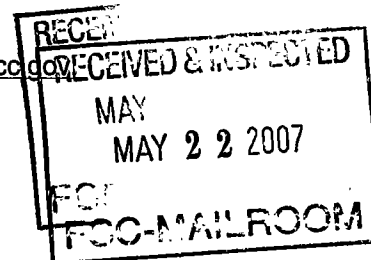


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Thank you.

Paul W. "Kokomo" Waller
 Plattsburgh, NY

My Comments:

I, Paul W "Kokomo" Waller, I am deaf since birth. I tell you the truth that I really love Sorenson Relay because They helps me the communication very smooth by sign language to make calls to the hearing person who are working the agencies and church to help my welfare. I really thank the Sorenson to assist my communications very well. Sorenson is the miracle technology for all the deaf and hard of hearing people.

I advise FCC to keep with the Sorenson alive and help others who are deaf and hard of hearing person have the Sorenson Videophone. Also, I want to thank you, FCC to support the Sorenson keep to serve and work the deaf and hard of hearing people to improve the communication between

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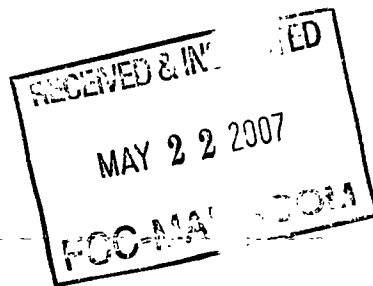
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Dear Chairman Martin and Commissioners,

I am a fifty year old Deaf man from Colorado. I am writing to urgently plea that you not cut funding for the Video Relay Service and to create a fair, predictable rate for the next several years.

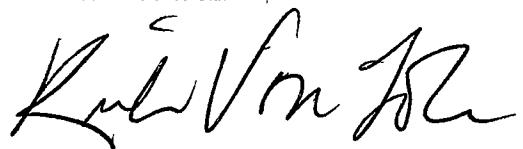
I have had a videophone and used the VRS for two years now and couldn't imagine my life without it. It allows me to communicate with family, friends and anyone in the business community in my native language of American Sign Language. Before I had access to VRS, I had to either laboriously type my message on a TTY or depend on my hearing wife to interpret for me. Many times, businesses would hang up on me because they did not have the patience or time it would take to make a relay call through the TTY. Now, using qualified interpreters, the communication is so much easier and faster for me, almost as fast as a regular conversation. It has opened up a whole new world for me and my family. I cannot hear on the phone, but can use my voice, so I use the Voice Carry Over feature with my family. They are thrilled to hear my voice and I can "hear" what they're saying by using the interpreter. VRS is now a very important part of my life and lets me be very independent.

Hearing people take using the phone for granted, but Deaf people like me see what a wonderful tool it is to help us communicate with the outside world since we didn't have full access to it in our own language until VRS was invented. Can you imagine what it would be like if you couldn't use the phone any time you needed it? That's what will happen to Deaf people if VRS funding is cut.

Since I used to work at the Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind and still have friends who work there, I know the VRS is very important for students wanting to communicate with their family during the week when they are in the dorm away from home. If funding is cut and access is limited, their ties with family will be cut or greatly reduced.

Sincerely,

Kirk Von Loh

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kirk Von Loh".

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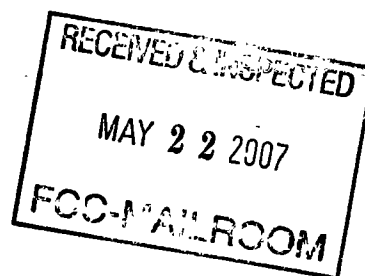
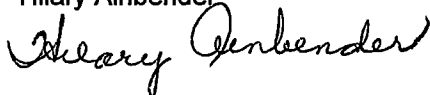
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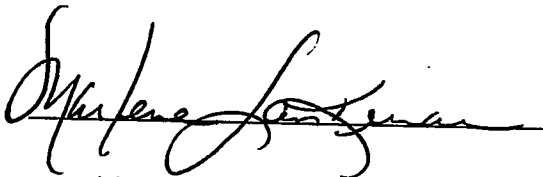
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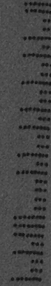
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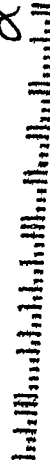
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I VOTE AGAINST VRS FUNDS.

I am a deaf person and I love to use Video Relay Service to communicate.

YES I agree with you that you will cut VRS program. I support you 100 percent.

WHY?

BECAUSE Video Relay Service Operator are very greedy. They are TOO MUCH RATES.

I understand how the Government feels about Video Relay Service Operators are very expensive rates. I am not happy with too much rates.

I want you to order Video Relay Service Operators to reduce their rates.

I understand Sorenson company (VRS company) is now the richest company in America.

I do not think the rates are right. I am against too high rates for interpreter programs and interpreter training program.

VOTE NO TO VRS FUNDS.

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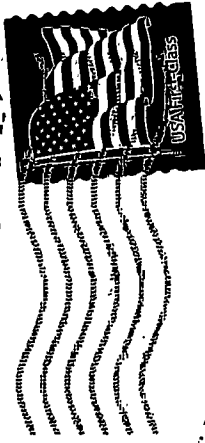
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